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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL'S SPEECH AT DINNER FOR FPLM

1. FBIS OF JULY 1 PROVIDES RADIO CLUBE DE MOCAMBIQUE SUMMARY OF PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL'S SPEECH AT DINNER IN HONOR OF PEOPLE'S FORCES FOR THE LIBERATION OF MOZAMBIQUE (FPLM) NIGHT OF JUNE 30. SUMMARY INCLUDES IMPORTANT POINT THAT FLPM WILL CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY FRELIMO DEFE SE DEPARTMENT RATHER THAN PRM MINISTRY OF DEFENSE BUT OMITTS MAIN THEME OF MACHEL'S SPEECH: THE NEW TYPES OF ENEMY FACING THE FPLM. PERTINENT EXCERPTS ARE GIVEN BELOW:

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A) "...THE FIRST ENEMY IS AMBITION WHICH WILL DESTROY FRELIMO

ARMY, AMBITION WHICH WILL PROVOKE MORE SLACKNESS WITHIN YOUR MIDST (FPLM). MANY WILL BE DRUNK WITH VICTORY, MANY WHO WERE GREAT FIGHTERS AND ARE HEROES HERE, LIVING HEROES. BUT YOU WILL BE VICTIMIZED HERE IN THE CITIES BY SWEET BULLETS, BULLETS WRAPPED IN SUGAR. THE ENEMY IS GOING TO INFILTRATE THROUGH MANY OF YOU, BECAUSE YOU WILL BE CORRUPTED HERE IN THE CITY.

B) "...WE HAVE VERY STRONG ENEMIES IN THE CITY: ALCOHOLISM AND PROSTITUTION. THEY WILL DESTROY YOU...WE WILL NOT TOLERATE SMALL WEAKNESSES, BECAUSE SMALL WEAKNESSES ARE SERIOUS ERRORS. SMALL FAULTS CONSTITUTE A BIG BETRAYAL. DO YOU HEAR COMRADES? (WE HEAR, THEY REPLY IN UNISON.) WE WISH TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO FOLLOW THE LINE OF FRELIMO. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE DEVIATIONS...NO DRUNKENNESS WITHIN THE PEOPLE'S FORCES FOR THE LIBERATION OF MOZAMBIQUE. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE IT. NO CON-CUBINAGE TO TRANSFORM YOURSELVES INTO PROTECTORS OF PROSTITUTES, TO HIDE PROSTITUTES. WE WILL HAVE TO BE SEVERE ON THIS POINT.

C) "...WE HAVE RHODESIA, THE DIRECT ENEMY. WE HAVE SOUTH AFRICA, WITH ITS ARMS AIMED IN THIS DIRECTION. CORRUPTION; MONEY; WOMEN; AND ALCOHOL, ALL AIMED AT YOU. (WE NEED) A NEW ENGAGEMENT FOR YOU TO OVERCOME THIS TYPE OF ENEMY."

2. COMMENT: MACHEL SELDOM OMITTS THE THEME OF THE OMNIPRESENT ENEMY FROM HIS SPEECHES THESE DAYS. THE THEME IS A USEFUL UNIFYING AGENT AND PROVIDES A NEBULOUS AND MOVABLE SCAPEGOAT FOR ANY PROBLEMS FOR WHICH THE NEW REGIME MAY BE BLAMED. IN GENERAL, THE ENEMY IS UNIDENTIFIED REACTIONARY ELEMENTS INFILTRATING FRELIMO RANKS AND BENT ON SUBVERTING THE REVOLUTION. IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, HOWEVER, THE ENEMY IS PRIMARILY THE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE OF THE CITIES ON THE FPLM FORCES--AN ONLY TOO REAL THREAT, CORROBORATED ALMOST DAILY BY RESIDENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE.
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